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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. **Claim(s) 1-27** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lopez et al. (US 2002/0076021 A1).

Regarding **claim(s) 1**, Lopez discloses a method of providing identifying information over a voice communications link (paragraph 0002) comprising:

receiving, from a call participant, a personal identification code over the voice communications link (paragraph 0016);

determining identifying information for the call participant using the personal identification code (paragraph 0017);

encoding the identifying information of the call participant within a voice stream carried by the voice communications link (paragraph 0024); and

sending the voice stream and identifying information to a subscriber (paragraph 0030).

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Regarding **claim(s) 2, 11 and 20**, Lopez discloses a method, wherein the voice communications link is a telephony communications link (paragraph 0016).

Regarding **claim(s) 3, 12 and 21**, Lopez discloses a method, wherein the identifying information indicates whether the call participant has been authenticated (paragraph 0024).

Regarding **claim(s) 4, 13 and 22**, Lopez discloses a method, wherein the identifying information and the voice stream are digital information, such that the identifying information is embedded within the voice stream (paragraph 0024).

Regarding **claim(s) 5, 14 and 23**, Lopez discloses a method, said encoding step comprising: removing inaudible portions a speech signal (paragraph 0017); and embedding the identifying information in place of the inaudible portions of the speech signal within the voice stream (paragraph 0017).

Regarding **claim(s) 6, 15 and 24**, Lopez discloses a method, further comprising: receiving the voice stream and identifying information (paragraph 0024); and decoding the identifying information (paragraph 0024).

Regarding **claim(s) 7, 16 and 25**, Lopez discloses a method, further comprising presenting a representation of the identifying information (paragraph 0017).

Regarding **claim(s) 8, 17 and 26**, Lopez discloses a method, further comprising playing an audible representation of the voice stream (paragraph 0017).

Regarding **claim(s) 9, 18 and 27**, Lopez discloses a method, wherein the audible representation of the received voice stream is played substantially concurrently with the presentation of the identifying information (paragraph 0024).

Regarding **claim(s) 10**, Lopez discloses a system for providing identifying information over a voice communications link (paragraph 0002) comprising:

means for receiving, from a call participant, a personal identification code over the voice communications link (paragraph 0016);

means for determining identifying information for the call participant using the personal identification code (paragraph 0017);

means for encoding the identifying information of the call participant within a voice stream carried by the voice communications link (paragraph 0024); and

means for sending the voice stream and identifying information to a subscriber (paragraph 0030).

Regarding **claim(s) 19**, Aktas discloses a machine readable storage, having stored thereon a computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine (paragraph 0002) to perform the steps of:

receiving, from a call participant, a personal identification code over the voice communications link (paragraph 0016);

determining identifying information for the call participant using the personal identification code (paragraph 0017);

encoding the identifying information of the call participant within a voice stream carried by the voice communications link (paragraph 0024); and

sending the voice stream and identifying information to a subscriber (paragraph 0030).

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald Gauthier whose telephone number is (571) 272-7539. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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